

34,400 Students to Report for Fall Term

ANN LANDERS



The Great Are Humble

Dear Ann Landers: I reply to the Sacramento reader who described himself as a "busy executive" and resented being asked his name or the nature of his business by "self-important" secretaries.

As a secretary who has worked in both private industry and government I can tell you that the bigger the man, the more humble and courteous he is, on the phone as well as in person. I served as secretary to the late Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson when he was in Washington on United Nations business. Mr. Stevenson never failed to identify himself when he placed a call personally.

President Kennedy did the same. Many an astonished secretary nearly dropped the phone when she heard that famous voice say, "This is Jack Kennedy. Is Mr. Doe in?"

So please tell that joker out in California that if two of the greatest men of our century can identify themselves when they want to speak to someone, he can, too.—FLORIDA

Dear Florida: Amen, Sister, Amen.

Dear Ann Landers: Usually your advice is sound and solid, but I was badly let down when you told the man who seduced a young, innocent girl that he had no reason to feel guilty. Your words were: "After all, you didn't chloroform her. It's up to the young lady to call the signals and hold that line."

I don't buy your theory that if a guy doesn't use chloroform he needn't have any twinges of conscience. Some girls at 15 are very mature. They know all the answers. Others at 15 are children. They may appear worldly-wise and talk a good game, but they don't have any real information. These girls are pathetically vulnerable and they often wind up in trouble.

My father was a wise and wonderful man. He taught his sons that honorable men don't deceive girls to obtain sex satisfaction and that virgins were strictly off limits.—E.U.H. OF DANVILLE

Dear E.U.H.: The world could use more fathers like the one you had. But my advice still stands I, too, feel sorry for the girls who get conned, but one of my chief missions is to wake up these sleeping beauties. The best approach is to let them know they must watch out for themselves. Most boys didn't have fathers like yours. They will take anything that's offered plus whatever they can talk a girl out of.

Dear Ann: Recently I read where a high school girl wanted to know if she should take a picture of her friend in the casket and give it to the bereaved parents. You were somewhat noncommittal. I wish you had told her NO.

My mother died when I was 12. An aunt took pictures of her in the casket—two large photographs on slick paper and several smaller snapshots. Her face looked painted, like a doll's, and the expression on her mouth was cruel—one I had never seen.

That was 46 years ago, Ann and those pictures still haunt me. I have never forgotten how Mother looked when she was alive, her beautiful, sparkly blue eyes and her warm smile, but the picture in the casket always comes first. After a shudder or two it fades away, but it's always first. It's a terrible mistake to take a picture of a person after death. Please tell your readers not to do it.—A DEVOTED READER

Dear Reader: I agree. From now on when asked I will no longer be noncommittal. I shall remember your letter and say "no."
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Freshmen To Report Day Early

Freshmen at North, South, Torrance and West High Schools will report to school Tuesday, Sept. 12, a day earlier than the rest of their schoolmates.

Activities at Torrance High will begin at 7:45 a.m. with a Girls' League breakfast for freshman girls in the main cafeteria and a boys' orientation with the coaches in the gym. Big sisters will be assigned to each freshman girl.

Parents of Torrance High freshmen will meet with school officials in the annex cafeteria at 8:30 a.m. preceding a meeting of all freshmen students in the auditorium at 8:45 a.m. The orientation will conclude with a tour of the campus.

At North High School, orientation will take place at 8 a.m. Posters will direct students to classrooms where programs will be distributed. An assembly program will follow.

Orientation at South High School is set for 1 p.m. Freshmen will gather on the athletic field prior to visiting classrooms and touring the campus.

West High freshmen will meet at 9 a.m. in the front of the school, where they will pick up their programs and be directed to their classrooms.

Trustees Set First Session

School board president Bert M. Lynn will conduct the first meeting of the Torrance Board of Education for the new school year Tuesday evening, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the board room at the district headquarters, 2335 Plaza del Amo.

With the exception of four meetings a year, meetings are held in the board room the first and third Monday of each month. When the regular meeting date falls on a holiday, the board meets the following evening.

All meetings are open to the public. Agendas are placed at the city's library branches the Friday preceding each meeting.

Meetings scheduled to take place outside the board room during the coming year will be: Nov. 6, South High School, 4801 Pacific Coast Highway; Nov. 20, North High School, 3620 W. 182nd St.; Jan. 15, Torrance High School, 2200 Carson St.; and Feb. 5, West High School, 20401 Victor St.

In addition to Lynn, board of education members include: Dr. Donald Wilson, vice president; William Hanson, Mrs. Kenneth Watts, and Dr. Owen Griffith.



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BACK BY THE TRUCKLOAD . . . Rich Schwanbeck (left) unloads a truckload of West High students on their way back to the campus for another school year. Getting the jump on the new year is Dan Whelan. Helping Clare Nonoshita, Teresa Cunningham, and Nancy Brashear disembark is Dale Whitney. (Press-Herald Photo)

Montgomery High School Gets New Administrator

A familiar face will be missing at Bishop Montgomery High School this fall when 1,280 students return for the fall semester.

That face belongs to a nun who has taught at Montgomery for seven years. She currently is the girls' principal.

Law School Registration Commences

Registration began today at Pacific Coast Law School for complete courses leading to degrees of juris doctor and master of laws.

The school begins its 41st year of operation of full-time law curricula. The student body is unique in that all work full-time and attend classes during the evening.

All upper classes are filled, but persons seeking admission to the first year of classes should call at 236 Newport Ave. for a personal interview from 2 to 8 p.m. daily except Saturday.

Sister William, CSJ, for five years dean of girls and for the last two, girls' principal, has been transferred to the Academy of Our Lady of Peace in San Diego.

Father Laurence Lis, OFM Conv. has been her co-worker during this period, first as dean of boys, and later as principal, in which capacity he will continue to serve.

Sister Marie Gerard, CSJ, will replace Sister William as girls' principal. Coming to Montgomery from Alemany High School in Mission Hills, Sister Gerard is not new at Montgomery, having taught there and moderated the newspaper, Knight Life, from 1961 to 1963.

Sister William, too, will be on familiar ground at Our Lady of Peace, where she served as principal from 1947 to 1953. She originally came to BMH from Star of the Sea Academy in San Francisco.

Other faculty members not returning include Sister Mary Joan, St. Mary's Academy, Ingewood; Sisters Rita Francis and Alice Mary, Queen of the Valley High School, Fresno; Sister Charlotte Ann, Carondelet High, Concord; and Sisters Ruth Marie and Ann Constance, Salpointe High School, Tucson.

Three Schools Open This Fall For First Time

Torrance schools, which began functioning as a district exactly 20 years ago this fall, will reopen their doors to 34,432 youngsters Wednesday, Sept. 13.

With the addition of two elementary schools, Sam Levy and Grace Wright Schools, and a continuation high school, Kurt T. Shery High School, the Torrance Unified School District will boast 41 schools this fall.

Opening of the two new elementary schools, plus portable classrooms on several campuses, will do away with double sessions. Also open for the first time this fall will be the new girls' gym at North High, Rehabilitation of the North High boys' gym will be completed before school begins.

Registration of new students gets underway at the district's 36 elementary schools and North High School Sept. 1. Torrance and West High Schools will begin registration Aug. 28, and South High registration will start today. Returning students registered last spring.

Offices of all schools will be closed Labor Day, Sept. 4. Parents of new registrants are asked to bring polio immunization verification, proof of birth date, and a previous report card.

Classrooms will be manned by a teaching and administrative staff of 1450.

Courses which will undergo changes as a result of revisions drawn up during summer workshops will include: English, industrial arts, home-making, and the teaching of the history of Torrance in elementary schools.

A summer committee also drew up a new handbook for kindergarten teachers. Additional emphasis during the coming year will be placed on the teaching of art, with a series of 10 lecture demonstrations by an expert in the field scheduled for teachers.

Additions to the high school curriculum include: clothing

IV, girls' glee club, radio laboratory, video laboratory, aeronautics, periodical literature and composition, creative writing III, modern dance, English and a second language. Honors classes, available for the first time this fall, will be offered in English, chemistry, algebra, world history, and biology.

Special instruction classes for educationally handicapped children will be located at Hillside, Sepulveda, Steele, Yukon, Parkway, Casimir, Meadow Park, and Hamilton Elementary Schools. Basic skills classes for educable mentally retarded youngsters will be conducted at Arnold, Fern-Greenwood, Magruder, and Perry Elementary Schools. North, South, Torrance and West High Schools will also conduct special classes for educationally handicapped and basic skills students.

Boundary changes involve four schools.

Former Walteria School students residing in that portion of the attendance area lying north of Pacific Coast Highway and west of Hawthorne Boulevard will be transferred to Meadow Park School.

Students in the Sepulveda School area residing west of Redbeam, south of Carson, and north of Laurette Street will attend Anza School.

Orientation programs for incoming freshmen will take place Tuesday, Sept. 12, the day before the official opening of school.

One-Man Show Opens Saturday

A one-man showing of paintings by Miss Rue Wise, Chicago-born artist, will open Saturday at the Korso Gallery, 1235 Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach.

A champagne reception is scheduled from 2 until 9 p.m. Saturday. The show will run through Oct. 1.

Continuation School To Get Own Campus

Kurt T. Shery High School, Torrance's continuation high school, will open its own campus for the first time this fall.

Located at 2600 Vine Ave., the continuation school will house an anticipated 150 to 200 students in eight portable classrooms. Two portable administrative buildings will complete the facility.

Named last May for the late board member, Dr. Shery, the continuation school has held classes on the campuses

of other district schools for the past year and a half.

Began February 21, 1966, to conform with state requirements to offer classes for students between the ages of 16 and 18 who are unable to conform to the standards of a regular high school, the continuation school met during the spring of 1966 on West and Torrance High School campuses from 2 to 5 p.m. daily.

During the past year continuation school classes were offered as part of the adult education program.

Beginning Sept. 13, the first day of the fall semester, continuation students will have the opportunity to enroll in either morning or afternoon classes on their own campus. Part-time students who wish to attend morning classes will go to school from 8:30 to 11:20 a.m.

Afternoon students will attend school from 12:30 to 3:10 p.m. For those who wish to take four courses, a fourth period has been scheduled for 11:20 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Students who wish to attend full-time may do so.

Course offerings will include four English courses, four social studies courses, six science courses, five mathematics courses, two courses in reading skills, six business education courses, four art courses, three crafts courses, a course in drafting, and a course in health and driver education. Also under consideration are five sociology courses.

The faculty will include a principal, two counselors, a psychologist, one work experience teacher, eight full-time teachers, one part-time teacher, and a part-time nurse.

Principal of the school since its inception has been Howard Shoen.

COUNT MARCO

Please, Leave the Kids Home

If you're a widow or a divorcee with teenage children and are planning to have a little fling in Europe, you'll be wasting your money and, more important, your time if you let the children tag along.

I met any number of sorry mothers in Europe this season, particularly the parent without a partner who, in a weak moment, talked herself into taking along one or more teenagers because she didn't know what else to do with them.

One divorcee complained to me, "Here I am and I know I could be having a ball but it's just my luck to be stuck with my two teenagers as chaperones. Either they treat me as a doddering old fool who is too old for romance or they are more suspicious than an in-law."

Another mother I met who had "sneaked out" for a nightcap on the via Veneto, grumbled, "They're too young to

enjoy history, too young to enjoy night clubs, and too young to enjoy good food."

But children are now playing a major part in making decisions on vacation travel, a recent survey claims, with increasing participation as they grow older. By the time they are in the 13-to-17-year-old category, they are involved in such decisions in one out of three families.

Half the vacation travelers interviewed for the survey said it's more fun for parents to share their vacation with children.

The other half presumably are the ones I saw in Europe who wished they hadn't gone in for a "share the fun" program.

Children aren't the only spoil-sports, capable of ruining a whole year's plans in two short weeks.

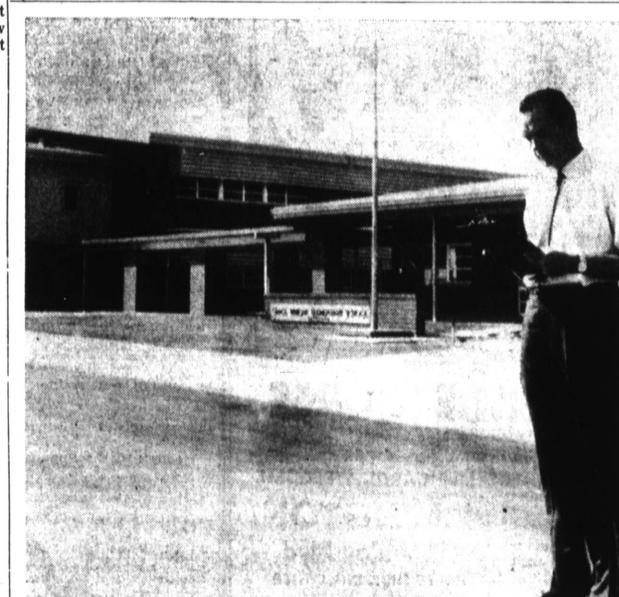
"By far," says the survey, "the most important factor in determining where Americans

go on vacation trips is the desire — or obligation — to visit friends or relatives."

Who else but Count Marco would solve the problem so easily and make both vacationers and relatives happy in the same two weeks? Simply send the teenagers to the relatives and you take the trip you really want.

This is particularly valuable advice for single mothers—especially if you send the children to your ex-in-laws. After two weeks with those grandparents (who will spend most of the time questioning your children about who you see, how you spend your nights and what you do with their son's alimony), you can quit being a survey statistic.

All you do is say, "All right, you little dears, I pick the vacation spot. And when we get there you go your way and I go mine and the first rumble I hear it's back to grand-father's farm you go!" Buon Viaggio!



CHECKING PLANS . . . William E. Lahey, principal of the soon-to-open Grace Wright Elementary School, checks teacher assignments for the fall term as he makes preparations to open for the school for the first time this fall. The school, located on Spencer Street west of Hawthorne Boulevard, is one of two new elementary schools to be opened in September. Classrooms in the Wright School are located in a two-story building. (Press-Herald Photo)